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Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The total listed on Line 11(a)(i), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appears to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule D discloses \$196,255.57 in payment(s) this period to Strategic Telecommunications; however, there are \$155,556.16 in payments reflected on your disbursement schedules. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for exempt activities. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial